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REMARKS

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The specification is amended to update the "Related Applications" section to state that the instant application is the U.S. national stage of International PCT application No. PCT/SG2004/000413.

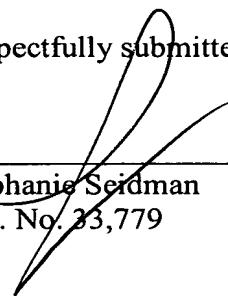
Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 13-21 and 24-30 are amended herein. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 15, 17 and 18 are amended to correct typographical errors and formatting. Claims 13, 14, 16, 19-21, 24 and 25 are amended to remove multiple dependency. Claims 26-30 are amended to comport with U.S. patent practice, restating the "use" claims as "method" claims. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification (e.g., see pages 22-23).

Claims 31-40 are added herein. Basis for added claims is found throughout the specification. For example, basis for added claims 31 and 32 is found in original claim 13. Basis for added claims 33 and 34 is found in original claim 14. Basis for added claims 35 and 36 is found in original claim 16. Basis for added claims 37 and 38 is found in original claim 26. Basis for assed claims 39 and 40 is found in original claim 28. No new matter is added.

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Entry of this amendment and examination of the application are respectfully requested.

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